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Dr. Guy McKhann
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Dear Dr. McKhann:

I hope you will be giving serious consideration to the possibility of joining us at Stanford Medical School as Dr. Kretchmer has recently brought up with you. I am writing myself to indicate how much I enjoyed the brief chat we had about some problems in neurochemistry, and to indicate how, in recent months, we have made a major decision to include a vigorous effort on problems of the molecular biology of the nervous system within the program of the Genetics Department. Your own work on the uptake of ammonia by brain protein seems to me to furnish a very exciting lead, and the whole field should be ripe for a concerted attack to bring problems of cerebral function into the same context as the molecular biology of gene action and protein synthesis. I would personally be very pleased to find you a member of our sister department, and I am sure that this would be the occasion for a continued and fruitful interchange of ideas, insights and approaches.

With cordial best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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